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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

#### **Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition, which comprises the following components (A) and (B):

(A) arginine; and

(B) at least one sesquiterpene alcohol selected from the group consisting of vetiverol, patchouli alcohol, guaiol, cedrol and mixtures thereof;

said component (B) being present in an amount effective for improving moisture loss of skin.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein component (A) is present in an amount of 0.01 to 60 wt.% based on the whole composition.

4. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein said component (B) is present in an amount of 0.01 to 20 wt.%.

5. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein said composition has a pH of from 2 to 6.9.

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6. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein said composition has a pH of from 3 to 6.5.

7-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein said component (B) is ~~selected from the group consisting of patchouli oil, cedar wood oil, cedrol, and a mixture thereof.~~

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (New) A cosmetic composition, which comprises the following components (A) and (B):

(A) 0.01 to 60 wt.% of arginine; and

(B) 0.01 to 20 wt.% of at least one sesquiterpene alcohol selected from the group consisting of vetiverol, patchouli alcohol, guaiol, cedrol and mixtures thereof,

said amounts of (A) and (B) each being based on a total weight of said composition.

16. (New) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein an amount of said arginine is 0.05 to 40 wt.%, based on a total weight of said composition.

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17. (New) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein an amount of said arginine is 1 to 20 wt.%, based on a total weight of said composition.

18. (New) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein an amount of said sesquiterpene alcohol is 0.1 to 10 wt.%, based on a total weight of said composition.

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**BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT**

Claim 1 has been amended as supported at page 4, lines 10-13 and at page 6, lines 18-20 of the specification.

New Claims 15-18 have been added.

New Claim 15 is supported by Claims 1, 3 and 4 as originally filed.

New Claims 16 and 17 are supported at page 5, lines 15-18.

New Claim 18 is supported at page 7, line 16.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1, 3-6, 12 and 15-18 will now be active in this application.

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### **INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Padmanabhan for his helpful and courteous discussion with Applicants' Representative on October 28, 2003. During this discussion it was noted that Shoji describes many different compositions most of which lack the arginine component of the claimed cosmetic composition, and therefore the claimed combination of arginine and a sesquiterpene alcohol is not suggested by the combination of Shoji and Tada. In addition, the data of Table I of the present specification clearly shows that the claimed compositions have significantly improved properties compared to comparative compositions lacking either or both of the arginine and sesquiterpene alcohol components.